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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/724,580	TERPETSCHNIG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jezia Riley	1637	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/4/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32-34,36-48,52-56 and 58-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 48 and 60 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-34,40,41,43-45,47,52,53,56,58 and 61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 36-39,42,46,54,55,59 and 62-65 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/2/06, 7/26/04, 4/16/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group III in the reply filed on 9/25/06 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 32-34, 40-41, 43-45, 47, 52, 53, 56, 58, 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Licha et al. (US6083485).

Licha et al. discloses a compound which is viewed to be inclusive of the instant claim, where A is =O, B and C are fused rings which are identical to the structure rings in the reference; The linker which links A and B comprises ethylene chain which can comprises a 4 carbon ring substituted with oxygen atoms. See col. 5-6 and claims. The compounds are characterized in that they absorb and fluoresce in the wavelength range of 650 to 1200 nm (col. 8, lines 31-33).

With respect to claim 34, the reference discloses X and Y which can be selected from $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, or $-\text{CR}^{13}-\text{CR}^{14}-$, wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ can comprises a W

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residue representing a hydrophilic group, which is viewed to be inclusive of instant X and Y and K.

With respect to claim 40-41, 43, and 44 Ri and Rj can be selected from proteins, , polynucleotide, which is viewed to be inclusive of B moiety in the reference (col. 4, lines 41-46).

With respect to claim 52 and 53, it does not further limit D, E, F to $=C(R_f)(R_g)$. Further the term "that include" does not limit the selection to the one listed in claim 52.

4. Claims 36-39, 42, 46, 54, 55, 59, 62-65 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claim 48 and 60 are allowed.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jezia Riley whose telephone number is 571-272-0786.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on 571-272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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10 December 2006


JEZIA RILEY
PRIMARY EXAMINER